I would like to voice my opposition to HB No.5040. We should not be singling out ammo for increased tax. Not only is this discriminatory to one group of people and will effect law abiding citizens. We already have to have permits and pay the fees to buy ammunition, obtain a carry permit a long gun permit, hunting licence and multiple stamps and special fee for deer and migratory bird fees among others in Ct. this proposal is excessive and misdirected. This bill wants to use the money for funding gun violence prevention and reduction efforts, but gun violence is coming from the criminal elements and not from the law abiding which is the one's you want to punish with this bill. Let's focus on the criminal element. It will also prevent people from being proficient at their right to self protection. It will hurt the poor and people that are on fixed income that have the right to self protection. The claim through the years you is you don't want a wild west and becoming proficient in your shooting skills and this will limit that progression.

Thank you,

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